

DUO ALBEK IN CONCERT

Nassau Music Society calendar kicks off with a twin sister act

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It's going to be a night of classical extravagance this weekend at the Nassau Music Society's opening event for their musical season. Classical music lovers who like a little contemporary flare will definitely want to see the kick-off concert featuring Duo Albek — twin sisters Ambra and Fiona.

No strangers to a Bahamian audience, the duo are expected to put on a truly powerful performance with Ambra on violin and Fiona on piano.

For those who may have missed any of their passionate performances throughout this is just another chance to catch this harmonic duo in action.

Megan Vaughn, 39, says that the Albek Duo performance is one that she has anticipated and hopes will be well attended.

"There is nothing like quality classical music to me. I used to play when I was young and I still appreciate the deep stirring of emotions such dramatic, complex music creates. It's gentle and beautiful and I am excited for my twin daughters, Ashleigh and Kimorah to hear these twins perform. It is amazing and they are skilled as well, so I want them to be more inspired and encouraged to continue to perform."

Italia Watkins-Jan, vice president of the Nassau Music Society, says that getting the Albek twins to perform locally is an honor that many Bahamians should come out and fully appreciate because they are bringing quality music adapted to their own flair.

"What is exceptional with them is that they are twins



and have that special connection that twins do. They are completely "in sync" with each other. They are also young and beautiful as well as talented so they appeal to all of the audience's senses."

The twins have been playing in places like Germany, Holland, Austria and Suriname and Nassau Music Society members hope that their return to The Bahamas will inspire and intrigue all those willing to listen to their musical creativity.

Watkins-Jan says the upcoming show is timely and should prove to be a source of encouragement for other young local artists.

"The fact that they are so young and accomplished can be an inspiration to young Bahamians. There is a career — an international career for talented musicians, but you

have to work very hard — in addition to being talented."

The Albeks started their journey young by learning to play the piano and violin at the age of seven. They have been doing professional shows since 2002. They learnt to diversify themselves also by doing other formations such as piano trio, piano and string quartets, four hands and as soloists. In addition, they have accompanied singers at recitals and performed in special music and poetry programs.

So, indulge yourself this weekend and fall in love with classical music all over again so you can purge your mind of the less traditional music that has taken over the music industry today. This promises to be an enlightening weekend and you do not want to miss it! Duo Albek is here!

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DUO ALBEK IN CONCERT

When: Saturday, November 7

Where: Government House, Ballroom

Time: 7 p.m.

Cost: Members \$25, non-members \$35, students- \$10

When: Sunday, November 8

Where: St. Paul's Church Hall, Lyford Cay

Time: 5 p.m.

Cost: Members \$25, non-members-\$35, students- \$10